

Newbury and District Badminton Association

Minutes of the General Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 6th September 2005 at the Salvation Army Hall, Newbury

1. Present :

Andy Moore	Chairman & Newbury
David Lowe	Acting Secretary & Aldermaston
Robert Winter	Treasurer & Kennet
Margaret Mason	Fixture Secretary & St Mary's
Paul Abraham	Executive Committee & Kintbury Ridgeway
Paul Madden	Executive Committee & Bucklebury
Paul Olive	Executive Committee & Shaw
Dave Deas	Downlands
David Ord	Firefly & Hurst
Mark Payne	Hurst
M Taylor	Kennet
Andrew Earl	Kennet
Kathryn Meakin	Kennet
Daphne Snook	Newbury
Andrew King	St Mary's
Pam Norman	Thatcham Juniors & St Mary's
Denis Hazell	Whitchurch

Apologies for Absence :

Karen Harrison	Secretary & Shaw
Sandra McCutcheon	Downlands
Tony Lockyear	Aldermaston Cannons Wantage

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

- Minutes of Sept 2004 meeting approved and signed
- Draft minutes of the May 2005 AGM distributed

3. Matters Arising

- None

4. Chairman's Report

- Chairman extended a warm welcome to all clubs and wished them all a successful season
- The Development Strategy has been updated and reflected BE and County initiatives. It is in the handbook (and will be on the website)
- Andy noted that this will be his last season as Chairman. He reflected that over his 10 years as Chairman there had been many changes however he thought that NDBA had responded to them in a positive manner and that the future looked good.

5. Treasurer's Report

- Dinner Dance made a profit of £88
- Tournaments made a loss of £44
- A breakdown of Trophies cost is included in the accounts
- There was a loss for the year of £65
- The year end balance is £1757.27

Accounts accepted. Proposed Co Winter, Seconded Paul Abraham

Co Winter was thanked for managing and Sue Chivers for arranging auditing of the accounts.

- A grant had been obtained from Sport Relief Berkshire Community Foundation. Further details are shown under AOB and will be advised through the website.
- A proposal was made to create a permanent sub account for Newbury Juniors under the Newbury and District account.

Newbury Juniors sub account accepted. Proposed Co Winter, Seconded Paul Madden.

6. Fixture Secretary's Report

- 14 clubs are now represented in Newbury League
- The fixtures have been published on the website. As in previous years mixed and level doubles are arranged on alternate weeks.
- The Ladies 6 has been split into 2 leagues of 4 teams to deal with both the number of entries and variation of standard.
- A request was made for the following information to be supplied to the fixture secretary
 - List of registered members (by end September)
 - List of nominated players for same section teams (prior to 1st match)
 - List of nominated players for Blackford Cup (by end September)
 - Any changes to match dates
- A request was also made to clubs to consider for future seasons some spare nights to avoid A and B team clashes

7. Blackford Cup Draw

8 teams had entered

Draw for the Quarter Final (to be played w/c 7th November) was as follows :

Aldermaston vs. Cannons
 Downlands vs. Kintbury Ridgeway
 Newbury vs. St Mary's
 Kennet vs. Shaw

8. Championships

- Championship Dates were issued, 3 are confirmed, 1 is provisional
- Veteran's – Provisional Sunday 2nd October 2005 (promoted by NDBA)
- Robin Deasley – Sunday 20th November 2005 (promoted by Shaw BC)
- Level Doubles – Sunday 29th January 2006 (promoted by Kintbury BC)
- Division 2 and below – Sunday 5 March 2006 (promoted by Newbury)
- Entry forms will be distributed via e-mail / website.

9. Publicity

- A rota is being set up with 6 editors (more volunteers are welcomed) for the reports which appear in the Newbury Weekly News
- The reports are also available via the website

10. Presentation Dinner Dance 2005

- The dinner dance was again well attended and was a success
- The committee had looked for alternative venues but this had proved difficult. If anyone has any suggestions could they contact the committee.
- Provisional date for this season's Dinner Dance is Friday 12th May 2006

11. Juniors

- Thatcham Juniors are thriving and will continue as current arrangements on a Saturday at Kennet Sports Centre
- Newbury and District Juniors are also busy and will continue as current arrangements
- Kintbury , Aldermaston and Whitchurch are all entertaining juniors prior to their main club nights, with a view to them participating in matches in future seasons. Aldermaston had

already included some of its juniors in matches during the past season and thanked clubs for their consideration during these matches.

- Thames Valley Games – a team of 4 girls and 4 boys (from Thatcham Juniors / Aldermaston) were entered and performed extremely well winning the Gold medal and shield.

12. Coaching

- Player Coaching has been organised for 7 / 14 September (level / mixed doubles respectively) at Trinity House School. There are only a few places left.

13. AOB

- **Serving**
 - Guidance on the rules for serving is included on the back cover of the handbook
- **The All England Championship**
 - Has been moved to 21st January. Unfortunately the committee does not currently have anyone available to organise a trip. Are there any volunteers?
- **Grant**
 - Has been obtained to help further the aims of Newbury and District Badminton League. It is initially aimed at funding some Level 1 and 2 coaching and the purchase of some equipment to help with coaching. This needs to be spent in approximately 6 months and is aimed at improving juniors. Details will be put on the website.
- **Substitution policy for Blackford Cup / matches.**
 - A draft proposal for substitution policy for the Blackford Cup was circulated and discussed at the meeting. It was agreed that it should apply solely to the Blackford Cup (and not to matches in general). It was noted that it could be an advantage to the home team. It could also be in the interest of the opposing team to veto it in order to take extra points from the leg. Should the substitute be a lesser player (if so how does the opposing team know), should the player be one of the initial 12 listed players (how does the opposition know, possible list teams on the handicap forms)? In all cases the committee would be the final arbiters, if there was a dispute. Clubs were asked to consider the proposal and make any suggestions by Christmas 2005 in order that a firm proposal could be made to the 2006 AGM.
- **Multiple entries to the Blackford Cup.**
 - This had some support from the floor and Kennet were asked to draft a proposal for consideration at the 2006 AGM.
- **AGM.**
 - Draft minutes from the 2005 AGM were issued. This season's AGM will be held 9th May 2006 at the Salvation Army Hall starting at 8pm.

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Signed

Dated

Next Meeting is the AGM : Tuesday 9th May 2006